



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery
Meeting Minutes**

October 23, 2020

9:00 a.m.

On October 23, 2020, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery held a webinar meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Roger Ludwig, DO, Chair
Alex Sobel, DO, Vice Chair
Patrice Konschuh, Public Member
Kim Morrisette, DO
Shannon Phipps, DO
Joel Quiroz, PA-C
Yuri Tsirulnikov, DO
Kevin Ware, DO

STAFF PRESENT

Tracie Drake, Program Manager
Renee Fullerton, Executive Director
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Ashley Maxwell, Supervising Staff Attorney
Cori Tarzwell, Policy Analyst
Tanya Mills, Credentialing Supervisor

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Roger Ludwig, DO, Chair, called the open public meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- 1.1 The board members, staff, and guests, introduced themselves.
- 1.2 The board approved the amended October 23, 2020 agenda to include the addition of item 7.2.
- 1.3 The board approved the September 11, 2020 business meeting minutes as presented.

2. Presentation from Chris Bundy, MD, MPH, of the Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP)

Mr. Bundy provided a presentation to the board regarding WPHP.

Dr. Morrisette inquired about making a change to the application questions that could include mental health issues. Ms. Fullerton indicated the department is currently discussing this situation and will follow-up with the board with more details.

3. Nitrous Oxide Sedation Policy Statement

The board reviewed a draft of the Nitrous Oxide Sedation Policy Statement.

MOTION: Dr. Sobel made a motion to approve the Nitrous Oxide Sedation Policy Statement as written. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

4. **Discipline Action Regarding COVID-19 Infection Control Violations**

The board discussed different discipline options for complaints regarding violations of Governor's orders regarding Covid-19.

5. **Newsletter**

The board agreed on the following articles to be included in the next newsletter.

- Nitrous Policy.
- Link to state requirements related to FSMB statement on wearing masks.
- Statement on physicians seeking mental health treatment without reporting to the board, provided they are able to practice with reasonable skills and safety.

6. **Telemedicine Rules Workshop Discussion**

Dr. Morrisette gave an update on the Washington Medical Commission workshop regarding telemedicine rule language.

7. **Correspondence**

- 7.1 The board reviewed the letter received from Team Safety, who was inquiring as to whether their program constitutes unlawful practice of medicine in Washington. Ms. Drake and Ms. Carter will work together to create a response providing the definition of the practice of medicine in Washington, indicating that the board does not give advisory opinions, and referring them to their legal counsel for advice.
- 7.2 The board reviewed and approved the Lists and Labels request received from Optometric Physicians of Washington.

8. **Program Reports**

8.1 Budget Update

Ms. Fullerton presented the budget status report as of September 30, 2020. The fiscal position of the board and growth remain strong. It was determined that the new budget format presented would be beneficial for future budget reporting.

8.2 Recruitment

Ms. Drake reported that Dr. Hernandez, the newest board member to be appointed, will attend the next board meeting on December 4, 2020. All positions are currently full. Ms. Drake updated the board on the status of the physician assistant position, which will be held until July 2022. After July 2022 the position will be filled with a professional member.

9. **Open Forum**

The purpose of the open forum is to provide the public an opportunity to address the board on issues of significance to or affecting osteopathic medical practice and that are not related to topics for which a rules hearing was or will be scheduled.

There was no public comment.

10. **Future Business**

No future business was discussed.

11. **Adjournment of public meeting**

The public meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

12. **Discipline, Settlement Presentations and Licensing**

The board met to discuss licensing and disciplinary matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Drake, Program Manager

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